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DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes – which usually strikes in childhood, adolescence, or young adulthood -- is a chronic, debilitating, autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables people to get energy from food. The risk of developing type 1 diabetes is higher than virtually all other severe chronic diseases of childhood.

Founded in 1970 by parents of children with diabetes, the mission of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. The JDRF is the leading charitable funder and advocate of Type 1 diabetes research worldwide, sponsoring the "Walk to Cure Diabetes" each year. JDRF Walks throughout the United States and the world raised more than \$87 million for diabetes research in 2005. Eighty-five cents of every dollar raised has gone directly to research.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors recognizes November 2005 as Diabetes Awareness Month, and encourages all citizens to support the efforts of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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